

# **Head-Up Synthetic Vision Display System**

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# Introduction

- General Aviation instrumentation has undergone little change in the past 50 years.
- VMC into IMC flight continues to be one of the two major areas producing the largest number of GA fatalities.
- Anticipated increase of 2.5% per year in IFR traffic over the next decade.



# Outline

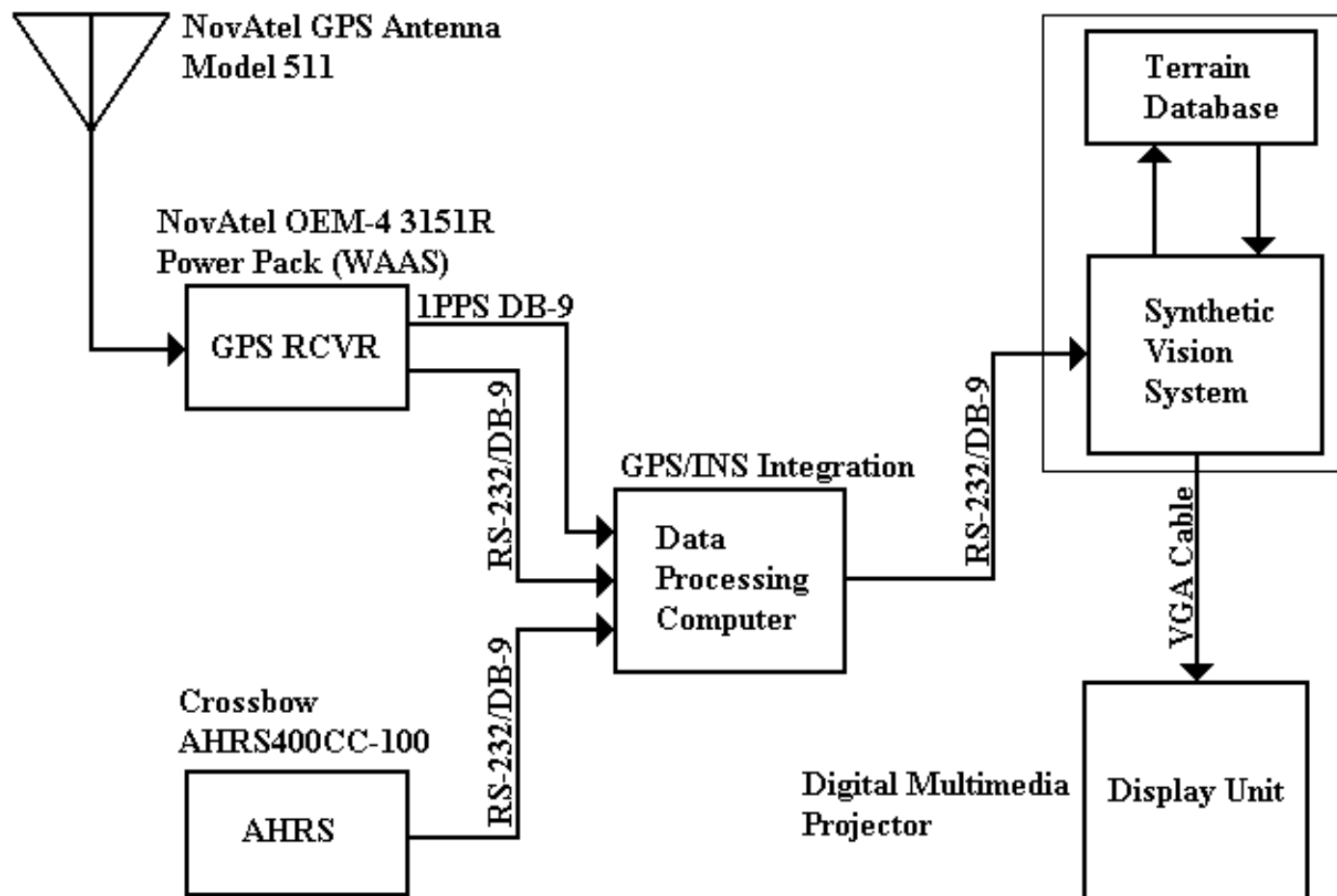
- Motivation Behind Head-Up Synthetic Vision Display (HUSVD)
- HUSVD Architecture
- Flight Testing
- Lessons Learned
- Future Work - Multiple Configuration HUSVD



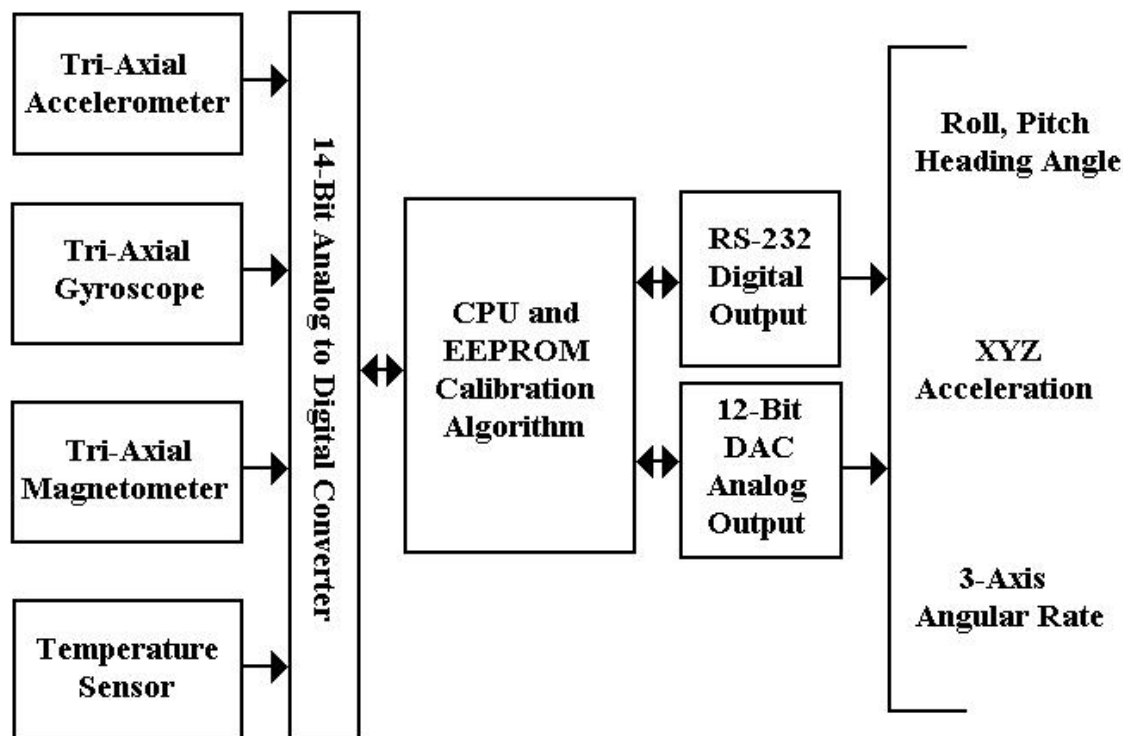
# VMC Versus IMC



# HUSVD System Architecture



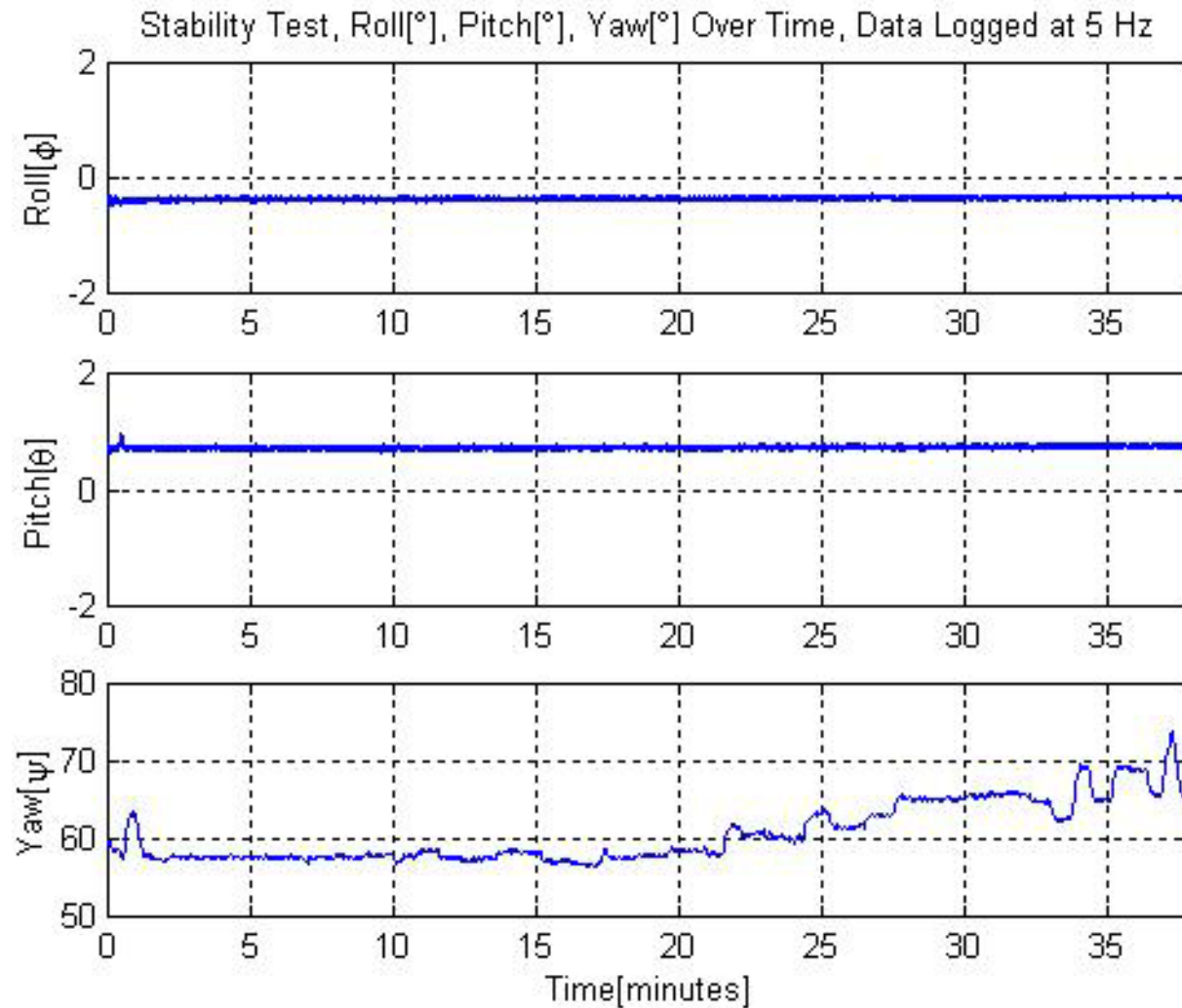
# Crossbow AHRS400CC-100



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# AHRS Static Evaluation



# Flight Test Aircraft





# Combiner: Lexan 9034



# LCD Projector Mounting





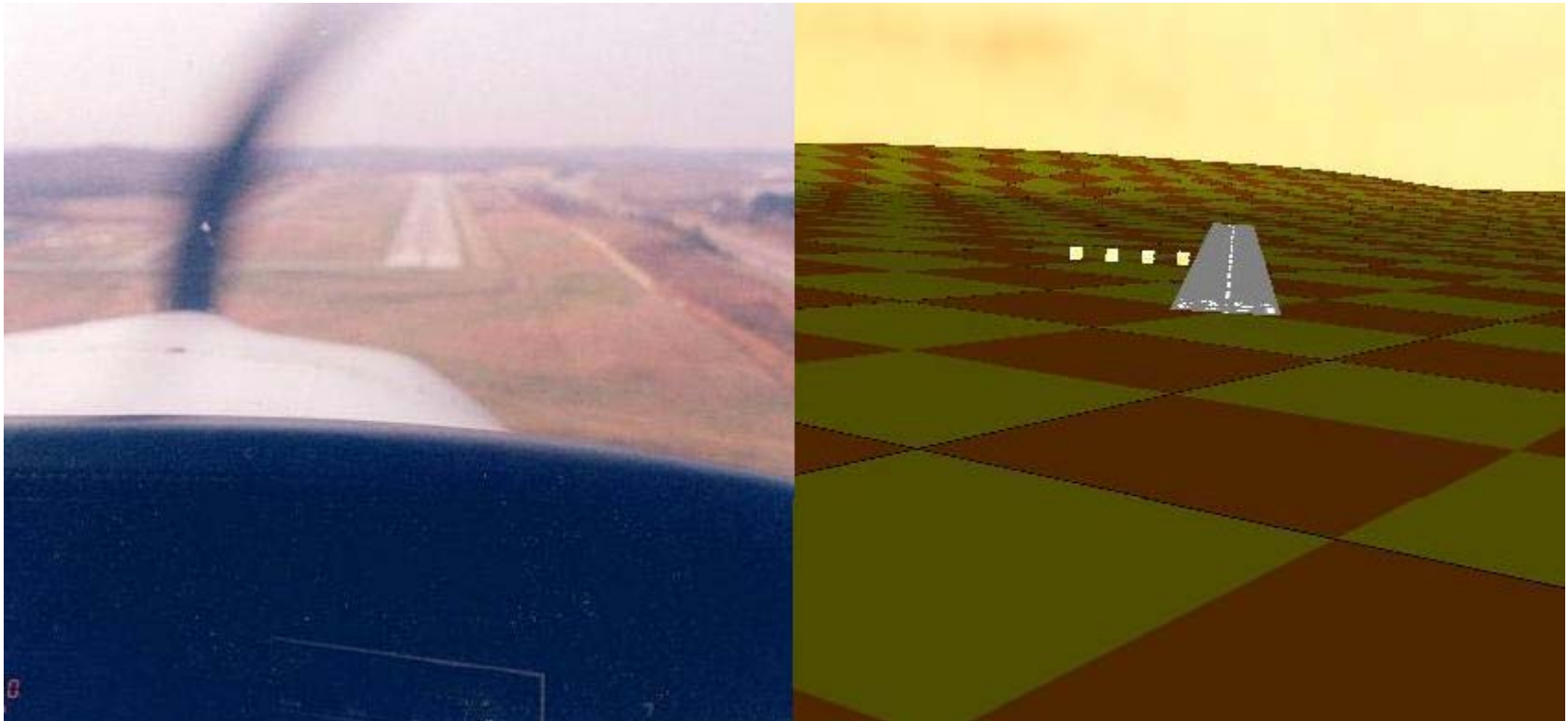
# Equipment Installation



# System Installation Video



# Synthetic Vision Comparison



Two separate test flights on UNI Runway 25. There is a slight altitude difference between the two approaches. Synthetic perspective is very compelling.

# Simulated Approach Video





# Approach 25



# Lessons Learned

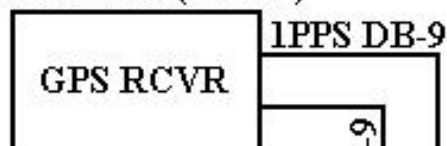
- Discrepancy in Size or Object Placement is an Immediate Distraction
- Synthetic Vision Head-Up and Head-Down Display Perspectives are Very Different
- Dynamic “Tuning” of HUSVD is Needed
- Object Size Needs to be Increased
- Excess Light in Cockpit





# Multiple View Display System

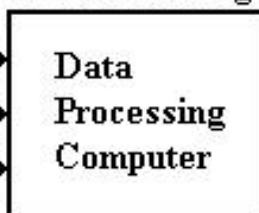
NovAtel OEM-4 3151R  
Power Pack (WAAS)



1PPS DB-9

RS-232/DB-9

GPS/INS Integration



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RS-232/DB-9

Left-Looking  
Display  
Processor

Left  
Display

Forward-  
Looking  
Display  
Processor

Forward  
Display

Right-Looking  
Display  
Processor

Right  
Display

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# Questions

